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Item 6 (a) of the provisional agenda*
Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Morocco: ** draft resolution**

International Conference on Financing for Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 56/210 B of 9 July 2002, in which the Assembly endorsed the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,[1] adopted on 22 March 2002,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/34 of 26 July 2002, in which the Council identified its four broad tasks related to follow-up activities, which included promoting coherence, cooperation and coordination within the United Nations; intensifying interactions with other multilateral stakeholders; involving other relevant stakeholders; and preparing inputs for consideration by the General Assembly,

Recalling further the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the General Assembly on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,[2]

Recognizing the crucial importance of proper follow-up to the implementation of agreements and commitments reached at the Conference,

Stressing the importance of staying fully engaged, nationally, regionally and internationally, of ensuring proper follow-up to the implementation of agreements and commitments reached at the Conference and of continuing to build bridges

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** On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[2] A/57/48; the final text to be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 48* (A/57/48).

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among development, finance, monetary and trade organizations and initiatives, within the framework of the holistic agenda of the Conference,

Recognizing the link between financing for development and attaining internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3] in measuring development progress and helping to guide development priorities, as well as achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development, bearing in mind the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),[4]

Welcoming the establishment of the Financing for Development Office in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/273 of 20 December 2002,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (New York, 14 April 2003),[5] which constitutes an important input provided by the Council to the high-level dialogue on the financing for development to be held by the General Assembly in October 2003;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up efforts to the International Conference on Financing for Development;[6]

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the interactive dialogue of the special high-level meeting, which constituted an important successful first step in the follow-up process provided for in paragraph 69 of the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development;[1]

4. *Decides* to build on the experience accumulated during the 2003 special high-level meeting in convening and organizing the next special high-level meeting which should examine further specific steps to be taken by each of the stakeholders to move the Monterrey process forward;

5. *Also decides* to invite representatives of the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to participate in the special high-level meeting;

6. *Further decides* that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, in cooperation with the secretariats of the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, will prepare the necessary documentation for the special high-level meeting;

7. *Welcomes* the continued participation of non-governmental organizations and the business sector in the Monterrey process, in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the Economic and Social Council.

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[3] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* and corrigendum (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and Corr.1), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[5] A/58/77-E/2003/62 and Add.1 and 2.

[6] A/57/319-E/2002/85.

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Agenda item 7 (d)
Coordination, programme and other questions: international cooperation in the field of informatics

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The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

The Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the field of informatics,[1]

Recognizing the interest of Member States in taking full advantage of information and communication technologies for the acceleration of economic and social development,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems for optimal utilization and access by all States, with due regard to all official languages,

Welcoming the report presented by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics on the progress achieved so far in fulfilling the Working Group's mandate,

1. *Reiterates* the high priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members and observers of the United Nations, as well as non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations, to the computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations, provided that the unhindered access of non-governmental organizations to such databases, systems and services shall not prejudice the access of Member States nor impose an additional financial burden for their use;

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2. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year to enable it to carry out, from within existing resources, its work of facilitating the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of information technology and of continuing the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives, and, in this regard, requests the Working Group to continue:

(a) To improve electronic connectivity via the Internet for all Member States in their capitals and at major United Nations locations, inter alia, through the enhanced connectivity of permanent missions to the Internet and the United Nations databases;

(b) To improve the access of Member States to a wider database of United Nations information on economic and social, development and political issues and other substantive programming areas and to have all official documents available via the Internet;

(c) To improve electronic links among Member States, the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

(d) To provide training for the staff of permanent missions to enable them to take full advantage of the facilities being developed for Member States;

(e) To enhance the capacity of Member States to access United Nations data online, using low-cost telecommunications links or providing other modalities, such as CD-ROM, whereby Member States can have access to specialized databases not available on the Internet;

(f) To make arrangements, as appropriate, to provide permanent missions of developing countries with hardware platforms to utilize Internet technology;

(g) To use videoconferencing on a more frequent basis, as appropriate, to further communication and interaction within the United Nations system and between the United Nations, permanent missions and academic institutions;

(h) To intensify contacts with the private sector so as to bring it, with its wealth of experience, to contribute positively to the work of the Working Group;

(i) To make greater use of projector/screen units for negotiations;

(j) To establish a password-protected system of mailing lists and bulletin boards on the United Nations web site to facilitate the dissemination of information among the United Nations missions;

(k) To explore ways to fully use the potential of information and communication technologies in order to speed up translation processes;

3. *Supports* the efforts of the Working Group to keep intact the network of national focal points established in connection with the year-2000 problem as a vehicle for the diffusion of best practices and lessons learned, in particular for the exchange of information on locally and regionally appropriate solutions and, in this regard, appeals once again to countries and other sources to provide the extrabudgetary resources necessary to maintain the mailing list of the national focal points;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend full cooperation to the Working Group and to give priority to implementing its recommendations;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2004 on the action taken in follow-up to the present resolution; including the findings of the Working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate, and recalls General Assembly resolution 56/210 B of 9 July 2002, in which the Assembly endorsed the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,[2] adopted on 22 March 2002.

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[2] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

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Agenda item 13 (d)
Economic and environment questions: human settlements

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Coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2002/38 of 26 July 2002 and General Assembly resolutions 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974, 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and 56/206 of 26 December 2001,

Recalling also the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements,[1] the Habitat Agenda[2] and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[3]

Recalling further the goal contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[4] of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020, and the relevant decisions contained in the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[5] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[6] on access to clean water, sanitation and adequate shelter,

Reaffirming the importance of means of implementation for achieving the goal contained in the Millennium Declaration on adequate shelter, and recalling in this

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[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publications, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] Ibid., annex I.

[3] See General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex.

[4] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[5] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[6] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

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context the commitments made regarding the financial resources at the International Conference for Financing for Development,[7]

Welcoming the progress made in the revitalization of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the United Nations Human Settlements Foundation,

Expressing concern at the limited amount of non-earmarked contributions to the UN-Habitat and the United Nations Human Settlements Foundation,

Recognizing the urgent need for increased financial contributions in a predictable manner to the UN-Habitat and the United Nations Human Settlements Foundation to ensure timely and effective implementation of the Habitat Agenda, the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and the relevant Millennium Development Goal, particularly in developing countries,

Taking note of efforts by UN-Habitat to implement the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

1. *Underlines* the commitments made by Governments to implement the Habitat Agenda,[2] the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[3] and the Millennium Development Goal of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020;

2. *Encourages* Governments that are in a position to do so and their Habitat Agenda partners to increase their financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to enable UN-Habitat to plan its activities in a predictable manner, with contributions preferably being made on the basis of multi-year non-earmarked pledges;

3. *Welcomes* decision 19/18 of 9 May 2003 of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat, which endorsed the establishment of the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian people and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund of 5 million United States dollars for an initial period of two years, and urges the international donor community and all financial institutions to support UN-Habitat in the immediate mobilization of financial resources for the establishment and operation of the programme and the fund;

4. *Invites* Governments to facilitate furthering of partnerships at the national and local levels, as appropriate, with civil society organizations, local authorities, women's groups, the business sector and other Habitat Agenda partners in implementing the Habitat Agenda and the relevant targets of the Millennium Declaration;

5. *Encourages* Governments to support and enable the participation of youth in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, through social, cultural and economic activities at the city level and in other national and local activities;

6. *Encourages also* UN-Habitat to continue to implement the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the New

[7] See *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.102.II.A.7).

Millennium, including through promoting partnerships with local authorities, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and other Habitat Agenda partners;

7. *Requests* the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to strengthen the implementation of the Habitat Agenda Task Manager System to allow better monitoring and mutual enforcement of action in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

8. *Notes* the increasing cooperation between UN-Habitat and other members of the United Nations Development Group, including through other coordination mechanisms, and calls upon Governments to include issues pertaining to shelter and sustainable human settlements and urban poverty in their national development strategies, including through the use of the common country assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 2004 on the implementation of the present resolution.